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A HISTORY OF SOCIALISM. THOMAS KIRKUP. 5th edition, revised and largely rewritten by EDWARD R. PEASE. Adam & Charles Black. 1913. Pp. xii, 490. 5s.

For a book essentially popular, both easy and delightful to read, this is probably the most satisfying statement yet made. It was greatly improved in its fourth edition, shortly before the author's death. This final, fifth, edition is as completely up to date as it is possible to bring it.

No man was more competent than Edward R. Pease to do this severe task of revision and rewriting. It is in the best sense a history, but it is also a criticism and an interpretation. The somewhat too bookish character of Mr. Kirkup's work is admirably supplemented by the long and active experience of Mr. Pease. In bringing the author's work into line with the "reformist" type of socialism, Mr. Pease does no violence to the spirit and sympathy of Mr. Kirkup. That the latter would have seen in Sidney Webb, the real successor and peer of Karl Marx is open to question, but there is much to justify the opinion. The volume is enriched by the discussion of Syndicalism, and by Chapter XIII on the modern International, one of the most significant developments of the movement. Its bibliography is also excellent.

The writer of this notice is constantly asked, "What is the best book on Socialism?" The question is a little grotesque; but so far as it has to be acted upon for more general readers, the answer has uniformly been "Read Kirkup's fourth edition."

One may say this a good deal more confidently of the present volume.

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PAPERS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CHURCH HISTORY. G. F. Putnam's Sons. 1913. Vol. I, pp. vi, 158. Vol. III, pp. vi, 201.

These volumes contain papers read at meetings of the Reorganized Society, from 1906 to 1911. Among those of interest to a wider circle than the Society are: "The Genesis of the Common Form of Public Worship in our Non-liturgical Churches," by Professor Williston Walker of New Haven (I, 81); "The Letters of Einhard," translated by Henry Preble of New York (I, 107); "The Growth of the Layman's Power in the Episcopal Church," by Doctor D. D. Addison of Brookline (II, 63); and a discussion of the origin of the stigmata of Saint Francis, by Professor Henry J. Weber of Bloomfield, N. J. (II, 175).